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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY AND SUBSEQUENT PAPERS HAVE OFTEN
FRONTPAGED TURKISH AID ISSUE AND KISSINGER IN MIDEAST;
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MONDAY BALTSUN HEADLINED BUDGET CUTS FORCE DEFENSE SHIFTS.
COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD ITEMS ON JOINT CHIEFS INDICATE BUDGET MAY CHANGE STRATEGY; WASHPOST HAD BRIEF ON US NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND JAPANESE ALARM.

1B. SATURDAY PAPERS REPORTED SOVIET KEEPS BAN ON US NEWSMEN AT 1975 LAUNCHING OF JOINT SPACE FLIGHTS; ALSO BREZHNEV WARNS US ON MIDEAST DANGERS, ASKS IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF GENEVA MIDEAST TALKS; NYTIMES HAD HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW, YURI ZHUKOV IN 20-PAGE ARTICLE ATTACKED NYTIMES, BRITISH, FRENCH, BONN NEWSPAPERS FOR CONDUCTING A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST DETENTE, ACCUSED TIMES OF GROSS LIES IN REPORTING DOD ASSERTIONS THAT SEVEN SOVIET DIVISIONS WERE PUT ON ALERT DURING CRISIS OVER CYPRUS AND ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

1C. SUNDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD FINNEY WASHINGTON, NATO BUILDS UNITY IN AIR COMMAND, IMPORTANT TO IMPROVING CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH; ALSO TOKYO, JAPAN UNEASY ON ATOMIC ARMS AGAIN. WASHPOST HAD PIECE FROM CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY REPORTING OFFICERS OF THE NATION'S TOP DEFENSE CONTRACTORS POURED 2,875,723 DOLLARS INTO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS IN 1972.

1D. TUESDAY PAPERS HAVE JAPAN REAFFIRMS STANCE ON ATOMIC WEAPONS; WASHPOST HEADS A GETLER PIECE, NAVY SEEKS MORE FIREPOWER.

2. DEFENSE. FRIDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY REPORTED CHAIRMAN BROWN OF JOINT CHIEFS INDICATED DOUBT THAT PRESENT LEVEL OF DEFENSE CAN BE MAINTAINED IN VIEW OF COMBINED EFFECTS OF INFLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CUTS, BUT REFRAINED FROM SAYING SPECIFICALLY HOW OR WHAT CHANGES MAY BE MADE, BUT HE DID MENTION MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MANPOWER CUTS AND MILITARY BASE CLOSINGS. WASHPOST GETLER ADDED BROWN SAID STRATEGY CHANGES HAVEN'T YET BEEN WORKED OUT AND INDICATED SCHLESINGER WOULD EVENTUALLY EXPLAIN THEM, BUT GETLER SAID BROWN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AT THIS POINT, AT LEAST, JOINT CHIEFS WERE NOT PLANNING ANY CUTS IN COMBAT
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MANPOWER FOR THIS YEAR OR NEXT. GETLER ADDED BROWN, UNDER QUESTIONING, CHALLENGED THE WISDOM OF ALLOWING LAST FALL A GROUP OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO TOUR US JETLINER MANUFACTURING FACILITIES WHERE THEY QUOTE OBVIOUSLY LEARNED A LOT UNQUOTE. NYTIMES FINNEY ADDED BROWN SAID WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT SOVIET UNION IS FAILING TO ABIDE BY 1972 AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS,

ALSO HE SAID THERE WAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM A REPORT IN THURSDAY'S NYTIMES THAT SOVIET UNION HAD BUILT 151 UNDERGROUND SILOS FOR INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES.

2A. MONDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT BUDGET CUTS COULD SHIFT STRATEGY AND EFFECT CHANGES IN THE NUMBERS OF LAND, AIR AND SEA COMBAT FORMATIONS, ALSO COULD GREATLY SLOW MODERNIZATION SCHEDULES, REDUCING THE FORCES TO BE MODERNIZED, WHACKING AWAY AT THE SUPPORT STRUCTURE UNDERLYING THE COMBAT UNITS AND SLOWING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. CORDDRY SAID THE NAVY, WHICH MAY BE THE MOST USABLE ELEMENT OF MILITARY POWER UNDER NIXON DOCTRINE FOR HELPING OTHERS WITH AIR AND SEA--BUT NOT GROUND--POWER, SEEMS TO BE IN WORST TROUBLE, AS IT IS ESTIMATED NAVY IS 2.2 BILLION SHORT OF HAVING ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR SHIPS AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS FOR THIS AND PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS, AND HENCE MUST CUT SHIPBUILDING OR SEEK ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

2B. TUESDAY WASHPOST GETLER REPORTS ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY IN INTERVIEW SAID HIS PRIMARY GOAL IS A MAJOR INCREASE IN OFFENSIVE FIREPOWER AND FLEXIBILITY OF NAVY'S SURFACE SHIPS, MENTIONING PLANS TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF HARPOON, SHIP-KILLING MISSILE, AND EXPAND NUMBER OF SHIPS CARRYING THIS NEW WEAPON.

3. JAPAN. FRIDAY WASHPOST SQUIB REPORTED RON NESSEN SAID US IS KEEPING ITS AGREEMENT NOT TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN WITHOUT CONSULTATION, THIS STATEMENT BEING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOLLOWING RETIRED ADMIRAL LA ROCQUE'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY THAT US WARSHIPS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAKE CALLS AT JAPANESE PORTS. SQUIB ADDED NESSEN SAID HE KNEW OF NO SECRET DEALS WHICH JAPANESE CRITICS ALLEGE ARE PERMITTING THE NUCLEAR TRAFFIC, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS IN YOKOSUKA 900 PROTESTED THE RETURN TO BASE OF US CARRIER MIDWAY.

3A. NYTIMES TOKYO SPECIAL SAID JAPAN TEETERED ON BRINK OF POLITICAL EXPLOSION AS STATEMENT DELIVERED TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR BY ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL FAILED TO QUELL SUSPICIONS AND CHARGES US HAD BROUGHT NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THIS NUCLEAR-SENSITIVE COUNTRY. SPECIAL SAYS INGERSOLL STATEMENT WAS A LEGALISTIC REAFFIRMATION OF US POSITION WHICH JAPANESE OFFICIALS GREETED CAUTIOUSLY SAYING THAT IT WAS THE MAXIMUM JAPAN COULD GET SINCE US NEVER CONFIRMED OR DENIED THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR ARMS ANYWHERE; THE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A LARGE DEMONSTRATION MAY BE MOUNTED BY LEFT ON OCTOBER 21 AND

THAT ENOUGH ANTI-AMERICAN MOMENTUM MIGHT BE BUILT UP TO JEOPARDIZE PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP.

3B. NYTIMES HALLORAN TOKYO REPORTS FONMIN WAS UNDER VIGOROUS ATTACK IN PARLIAMENT AND THAT HE TOLD HEATED SESSION OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF LOWER HOUSE THAT QUOTE SHIPS THAT COME INTO JAPANESE TERRITORY DO NOT CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS; IT IS OUR GOVERNMENT'S BASIC STAND THAT UNLESS THERE IS PRIOR CONSULTATION NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE BROUGHT INTO JAPAN UNQUOTE. HALLORAN ADDS THAT A NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY MEMORANDUM OF 1969 CLEARLY STATES THERE IS A TRANSIT AGREEMENT THAT PERMITS US TO BRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN TEMPORARILY BUT NOT TO DEPLOY THEM THERE. HALLORAN SAYS IN 1971 STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THAT SUCH A TRANSIT AGREEMENT EXISTED BUT THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT POSITION WAS NEITHER TO CONFIRM NOR TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGREEMENT. HALLORAN SAYS CREWMEN OF THE MIDWAY HAVE REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT THE SHIP CARRIES NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3C. TUESDAY WASHPOST OBERDORFER TOKYO REPORTS FONMIN KIMURA DENIED THAT US NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER JAPANESE TERRITORY IN TRANSIT UNDER A SECRET ARRANGEMENT AND EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ABOARD US WARSHIPS IN JAPANESE PORTS, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THE CONTROVERSY HAS ENDED.

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4. COMMENT. OCTOBER 9 HEARST PAPERS HAD EDITORIAL SAYING BREZHNEV'S MILD SPEECH AT EAST BERLIN STRESSING DETENTE AND CALLING FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARMS LIMITING COOPERATION SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED BY US, THAT WHILE SPEECH OFFERED NOTHING NEW IN TERMS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS OR COMPROMISES AND WAS CONSIDERED PROPAGANDISTIC AND SUSPECT BY US, FACT THAT IT WAS MADE AS HIGHLIGHT OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST GERMAN STATE AND FACT THAT BREZHNEV MADE NO REFERENCE TO RECENTLY SQUELCHED US-SOVIET GRAIN DEAL POINT UP SPEECH'S SIGNIFICANCE AS A COOPERATIVE GESTURE.

4A. SUNDAY BALSUN EDITORIAL SAYS A KEY PURPOSE OF GIEREK'S VISIT TO US IS TO PROLONG ECONOMIC BOOM IN POLAND BY BOOSTING POLISH-AMERICAN TRADE AND THAT HIS VISIT MAY HAVE GREATER PURPOSE IF HE IS ABLE TO NUDGE MOSCOW INTO A MORE HELPFUL DIRECTION VIS-A-VIS THE WORLD OIL CRISIS AND ARAB-ISRAELI TENSIONS.

4B. FRIDAY WASHPOST EDITORIAL APPROVED FORD ADMINISTRATION'S RESTRAINT TOWARD THRESHOLD TREATY SAYING THAT

DRAFT TREATY FROM NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT MUST BE IMPROVED
ON AT LEAST TWO POINTS, NAMELY, LOWERING THE HEIGHT
(150 KILOTONS) OF THE TESTING TREATY, AND ELIMINATING THE
PROVISION FOR "PEACEFUL TESTING," THE SECOND POINT BEING
ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE NO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWER WILL
BE ABLE TO PERSUADE NON-NUCLEAR POWERS NOT TO CREATE OR
EXPAND NUCLEAR FORCES OF THEIR OWN AS LONG AS QUOTE PEACE-
FUL UNQUOTE EXPLOSIONS CONTINUE. SIMILAR POINTS WERE MADE
BY PHILA INQUIRER EDITORIAL OCTOBER 10. INGERSOLL

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